

Newport Store
CH-726
Newport
Private

Circa 1890

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Likely constructed by Richard Shannon some time before his death in 1888, Newport Store is significant as one of the earliest surviving commercial buildings in Charles County. It's association with the important crossroads village of Newport and the unusually high degree of ornamentation on the structure contribute to the site's overall importance. After Shannon's death, the Herbert family retained ownership until 1960, when the storehouse and lot were conveyed to Joseph Francis deSales Stine. Although there is scant visual evidence to reveal Newport's earliest history, the village was one of the first crossroads communities in Charles County. The village is identified in Griffith's map of 1794 and Martinet's earliest maps of Maryland published in 1865. According to a Baltimore Directory, by 1880, Newport supported a population of 60, four public schools, two physicians, two mills, and two general stores, one also serving as post office, and one hotel.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-726

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Newport Store

other Stine's Store

2. Location

street and number 11660 Stine's Store Road not for publication

city, town Newport vicinity

county Charles

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Thomas John Stine

street and number 11660 Stines Store Road telephone Unknown

city, town Charlotte Hall state MD zip code 20622-3514

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 74 p. 18

city, town LaPlata liber 2065 folio 459

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category		Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district		<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	1	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure		<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social		structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object			<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		objects
			<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	1	Total
			<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
			<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
			<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
					Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
					0	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The structure, which faces west has a metal roof which is pierced by a tall interior brick chimney flue with a corbelled cap. The wrap-around porch, enclosed on the side elevations, is supported on simple square wooden posts resting on a wooden plank floor. 20th century railing also span the porch columns. The structure has been reclad in modern materials including asbestos and vinyl siding. Replacement windows are found throughout the second floor while the original 2/2 windows can be found on most of the first floor.

The dominant feature of the front elevation is the gable ornamentation which consists of three parts. First is the contrasting texture of the wood shingles. These shingles reveal a complex, three part pattern of alternating rows fishscale, sawtooth and a third unidentified pattern. Second, is a three-part window. Each window contains a 9-light stained glass panel with the center panes being larger than those on the end. The center window is the largest and is completed with a Gothic-inspired lancet window pediment. Finally, the roofline is accentuated with a turned wooden finial. The second story includes two bays holding replacement windows. The first floor, protected by the porch, originally included five bays partially obscured by later enclosures. The centered doorway flanks two original tall 2/2 light Victorian windows to the south. To the north only one original window is visible. The doorway and one window have been concealed by a later addition extending over the porch floor. This shed includes a single 6/6 window. Each enclosed shed wing also includes a door. The north wing has a 5-panel double doors that likely date to c. 1930. The north ell includes an earlier 4-light and panel door.

The north eave elevation includes three symmetrical second story bays above a single 2/2 window in the shed addition. The south eave elevation also includes three replacement windows. The rear window is currently slightly smaller than the others. The shed includes two symmetrical windows below. Neither the rear elevation nor the interior were accessible at the time of the survey.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates	1880-1910	Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction dates	1880-1910		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Newport Store is significant as one of the earliest surviving commercial buildings in Charles County. Its association with the important crossroads village of Newport and the unusually high degree of ornamentation on the structure contribute to the sites overall significance. Although archival evidence is inconclusive, Newport Store was likely constructed by Richard Shannon some time before his death in 1888. Upon settling the estate, Shannon's heirs sold to Leonard S. Herbert the storehouse, dwelling and barn leading from the dwelling house of John T. Higdon, containing one acre. Shannon had purchased a house and lot in Newport known as "Part of St. Thomas" and containing 1 rod of land, from George and Amanda Simpson. After Shannon's death, the Herbert family retained ownership until 1960, when the storehouse and lot were conveyed to Joseph Francis deSales Stine.

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Endnotes

(1) Griffith, Dennis. Map of the State of Maryland Laid down from an actual Survey of all the Principal Waters, public Roads, and Divisions of the Counties therein....Philadelphia, PA: J. Tallance, Engraver, June 6, 1795.

(2) Martenet, Simon J. Martenet's Map of Maryland and the District of Columbia. Baltimore, MD: Simon J. Martenet, C.E., 1865.

(3) The Maryland Directory. 1880. Published by Frank Lewis & Co., Baltimore.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .45

Acreage of historical setting 1

Quadrangle name Popes Creek

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Newport Store is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 74, Parcel 18.

11. Form Prepared By

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Chain of Title:

- 1961 Wilmer Cooksey and Florence M. Cooksey, wife to Joseph Francis SeSales Stine and Lydia Elizabeth Stine. Surveyed by D.H. Steffens in 1959. .45 acres
154/385
- 1959 John A. Herbert and Hilda A. Herbert, wife (release) to Wilmer Cooksey and Forence M. Cooksey, wife .45 acres.
139/489
- 1952 Victor N. Herbert et al to John A. Herbert
104/316
- ? Will of Leonard S. Herbert. Orphan's Court Records
- 1888 Charles H. Shannon and Annie Shannon, wife and Mary Ann Reeder and Richard C. Reeder, husband to Leonard S. Herbert. Storehouse, dwelling house and barn leading from dwelling house of John T. Higdon. 1 acre.
JST 2/310
- 1862 George Simpson and Amanda, wife to Richard Shannon. A house and lot in Newport. "Part of St. Thomas". 1 rod of land.
GWC 1:153

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Brown, Jack D., et al. Charles County, Maryland, A History.
Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Charles County Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, LaPlata, Maryland.

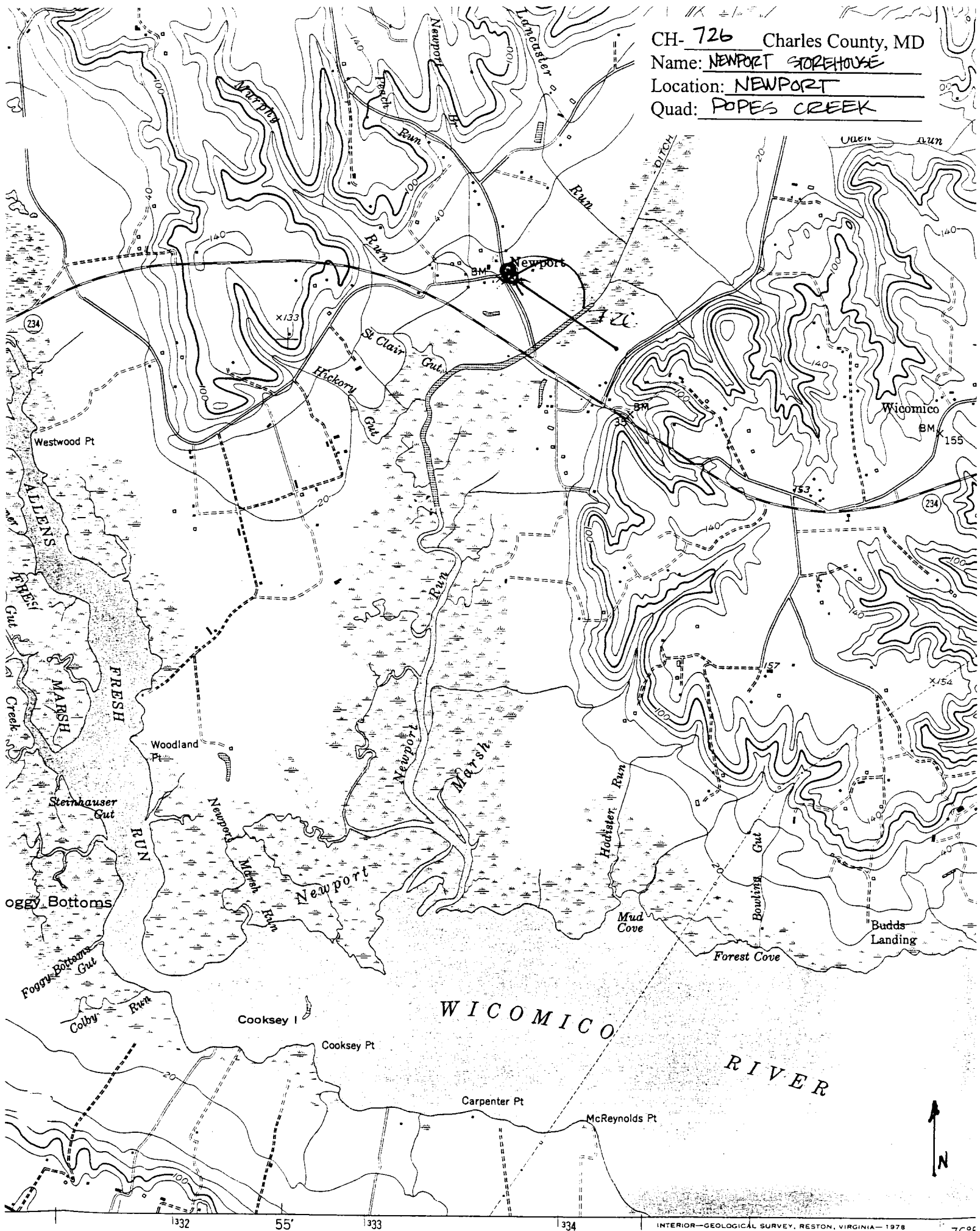
Klapthor, Margaret Brown. The History of Charles County, Maryland.
LaPlata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

CH- 726 Charles County, MD

Name: NEWPORT STOREHOUSE

Location: NEWPORT

Quad: POPES CREEK





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NEWPORT STOREHOUSE

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NEWPORT STOREHOUSE

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MD SHPO

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MP SHPO
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MD SHPO/

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